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STS-123 set for launch on Mar. 11

Bob Scheid

Chief Copy Editor

NASA officials gave the official "Go" for Endeavour's March 11 nighttime launch date last Friday. The 16-day mission will see delivery of the Japanese Kibo logistics module, along with Dextre, the Canadian Space Agency's robotic manipulator system.

The liftoff of STS-123 is currently set for 2:28 a.m. EDT. After about 45 hours, the shuttle should dock with the International Space Station (ISS) late on the night of the 12th. March 13 should see the first of five spacewalks planned on the mission, installing Kibo, which means "hope" in Japanese. That spacewalk, along with the next two,

will also be used to install Dextre.

Kibo's logistics module is the first of three Japanese Exploration Module components that will be lifted to the station over the next several shuttle missions. It holds eight experiment racks that will be used in the actual Kibo laboratory, which has not yet been attached to the station, as well as a number of tools and other supplies. The set of modules is designed to last for the next decade, with dozens of payload racks planned and the ability to add more to the manifest in the future.

Dextre is a semiautonomous robot with two "arms," complete with hands, that will be able to move along the station's spine on a trolley. The hands have grippers to manipulate tools

(which are stored in a tool "belt" at the base of the robot), cameras to give operators a clear view of what is being repaired, and pressure sensors that can be programmed to stop the hand from crushing delicate components on the outside of the station. Its main purpose is to allow astronauts the chance to do some basic repairs from inside the station, without the need for spacewalks.

Two additional spacewalks on the 20th and 22nd will test a heat shield repair tool and install a heat shield inspection boom on the station which may be used to check the bottom of shuttles for damage sustained during liftoff.

Barring any large problems,

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PHOTO COURTESY NASA

THE SEVEN-MEMBER CREW of STS-123 Endeavour pose atop Launch Pad 39A Feb. 25 during a practice countdown. From left to right are Mission Specialists Rick Linnehan and Robert Behnken; Pilot Greg Johnson; Commander Dom Gorie; and Mission Specialists Mike Foreman, Garrett Reisman and Takao Doi, of the Japanese space agency.

ΣAE wins Greek Week '08



GREEK WEEK 2008 SAW saw Sigma Alpha Epsilon (ΣAE) win its third competition since coming to campus in 1995. ΣAE won with a total of 61 points, nine above second place Delta Chi. ΣAE failed to take maximum points in any event, but was consistent throughout the week. (Below) Theta Phi Alpha meets with Orough seas in Thursday's boat race. Turn to page A2 for more pictures from Greek Week.

CHRIS TEZAK/AVION

Delta Lambda Phi colonizes ERAU

Andrew Striker

Staff Reporter

On March 1, the ERAU Daytona Beach Campus welcomed the new colony of Delta Lambda Phi (DLP). A social fraternity founded in 1986 in Washington, D.C. Delta Lambda Phi has become one of the fastest growing fraternities in the nation. Their motto "Lambda Men are Making Their Presence Known" has become a motivation for several new colonies over the past few years.

After submitting their request on Jan. 11, the DLP National Board approved the Embry-Riddle interest group on Jan. 20 to begin colonization at the beginning of March. Accepted by both the Interfraternity Greek Council (IFC) and The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), the DLP interest group has decided to become the second fraternity in the MGC. Their President, Shaun Kelly, started his efforts during the Fall 2007 semester. Since then the interest group has grown to 10 members, with two female staff/faculty advisors.

Delta Lambda Phi is known nation-

wide as the largest fraternity designed specifically for gay, bisexual and progressive men. As many of their members will tell you, they are not a "gay" fraternity, but a fraternity open to all accepting and progressive males irrespective of sexual orientation. The fraternity was founded by gay men for all men. One of their goals includes enhancing the quality of life for all progressive individuals. Their Director of National Expansion, James Kaechele, commented by saying "our fraternity centers around creating gentlemen of character, and future leaders."

As advocates of tolerance and equality, the colony hopes to contribute to enhancing equality and diversity of life on campus through educational efforts and programs. In the fall, the interest group held several events and fundraisers including free HIV testing in the Doolittle Annex. They also held several social events and gatherings well attended by many students representing several other student organizations.

In the next year, the group plans to hold and promote several educational

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CHRIS TEZAK/AVION

THE DELTA LAMBDA PHI (DLP) fraternity officially formed its colony at ERAU last Saturday. There are 10 initial members of fraternity ranging from first year, all the way to graduate students. Three representatives of DLP flew into Daytona Beach to install the colony.

Don't forget, on Sunday it's time to spring ahead. At 2 a.m., Daylight Savings Time begins, so check your clocks and do not be late for class on Monday.

Basketball makes its way to nationals

Bracket to be set Wednesday

Michael Wilkinson
Guest Reporter

DAYTONA BEACH — While the 15th ranked Embry-Riddle men's basketball team fell just shy of winning their eighth Florida Sun Conference Tournament Title in their 85-72

loss to unranked Edward Waters College Saturday night, their successful season does not end there.

Late last week, the Eagles learned that their impressive 26-5 record guaranteed a berth in the National NAIA Division II Basketball Tournament regardless of the outcome of the FSC Tournament this past weekend.

"Any basketball team, at any level, wants to go to the national tournament," Eagle's coach Steve Ridder said before leaving for the conference tournament last Thursday.

"Of course you want to win

the conference championship, but the number one goal is getting to a national tournament."

The 17th Annual National NAIA Division II Tournament will be held at the College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Mo. beginning on March 12 and culminating on March 18 with the national championship game.

The national tournament's 32 team field will be announced on March 4 and the official bracket pairings will be announced on March 5.

The Embry-Riddle men have enjoyed plenty of success at the national level as the Eagles are

13-8 in national tournament play under Coach Ridder, including their NAIA Men's Division II National Championship win at the end of the 1999-2000 season.

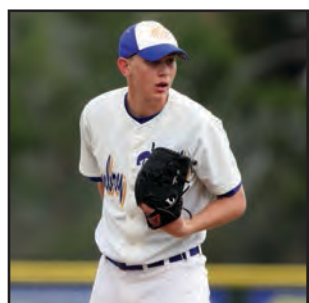
Embry-Riddle's 2008 tournament birth marks the sixth time in the past 10 seasons that the Eagles have made an appearance in the national tournament.

The Eagles easily dispatched their first two FSC Tournament opponents, Webber International University and Warner Southern College, before falling to Edward Waters College Saturday night in West Palm Beach.

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Baseball takes both legs of Webber double header

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Embry-Riddle to incubate cultures

Press Release

Embry-Riddle Aero. Univ.

Daytona Beach – The public is invited to travel from Africa to Brazil to India – no airline tickets or baggage inspections required – at World Fest 2008, to be held Saturday, March 8, at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Daytona Beach campus.

Dance, music, arts, and information will be available at booths and displays representing the different nations from which many of Embry-Riddle's students come.

Visitors will be invited to interact, participate, and learn.

Entertainment at World Fest 2008 will include:

- Chinese dances performed by Kim Hardiman, an instructor in Embry-Riddle's Language Institute
- Musical styling by student Rohan Bhatnager, an Indian singer who recently released his first CD, titled Dholna (2006, Universal Music India)
- Music of Central America played by student Elias Mourra Luna
- A Brazilian martial arts dem-

onstration

• A big-screen exhibit of winning entries from two recent international photo contests

General admission to World Fest 2008 is free, but specific booths may charge a small fee for some activities. Food will not be served. Activities will take place from 1-5 p.m. in the ICI Center (the field house), on South Clyde Morris Blvd. across the street from the main entrance to the campus.

World Fest 2008 is sponsored by Embry-Riddle's International Student Services.



MELANIE PUGH/AVION

THE ISLAND NATION OF Jamaica is part of the Greater Antilles in the Caribbean Sea and is well-known for spicy jerk seasoning and reggae legends such as Bob Marley.

Attention Graduate and Undergraduate Students:

If you are a prospective graduate or undergraduate student graduating in the spring or degree completing in the Summer and walking in the Spring 2008 ceremony you must apply to graduate

NO LATER than Friday, March 7, 2008. If you do not comply with this deadline your name will not appear in the commencement program. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**

made. If you have not yet submitted your application, please come by the Records Office or go online at www.erau.edu/dbrecords to complete and submit your application.



MELANIE PUGH/AVION

GRADUATION WILL BE HELD on Monday, May 5 at the Ocean Center on N. Atlantic Avenue. Ceremony starts at 10 a.m., but graduates need to be lined up by 8 a.m.

□ **“DLP” from FRONT**

programs including the “Make a Difference” event on Mar. 7 on the West Lawn. The event includes a candle vigil in remembrance of those killed in hate crimes. The fraternity itself, as well as their ERAU group, does not compete with any other groups or organizations. The colony plans to co-exist and interact with all existing entities on campus.

As diversity is one of the main focuses and goals of the fraternity, they believe this has become one of their greatest strengths as well as one of the primary reasons of their rapid nationwide expansion. Any male university student, if accepted by its members, may become a part of the Lambda men. The 10 member interest group already has achieved the goals of many as far as diversity. The group consists of one staff member, one graduate student, several ethnicities, a wide

range of ages, religions, and backgrounds, and the collective membership of over 10 other student organizations, not to mention the two female advisors who will have an active roll in the development of the new colony.

“We hope to bring a new face to the Embry-Riddle community,” said DLP President Shaun Kelly, “offering friendship and brotherhood to all regardless of sexual orientation, and help shape ourselves into America's future leaders of equality.”

GREEK WEEK: IN PICTURES



Alpha Xi Delta placed highest among sororities overall in this year's Greek Week. The ladies were especially tough in the tug-of-war, taking down Fraternities on multiple pulls, though were unable to place on the day.



Pi Kappa Alpha was solid all week, coming in third in the boat race and first in the human pyramid and relay race.

Interfraternity Council VP of External Affairs Joe Gablin and his megaphone were everywhere last week. Gablin was in charge of organizing and running Greek Week.



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Women's golf takes second in tournament

Press Release

ERAU Sports Info.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - The Embry-Riddle women's golf team finished second at the Bethune-Cookman University Invitational at Indigo Lakes on Sunday while junior Jocelyn Dunn finished second overall in the individual competition.

Dunn shot 152 in the tournament thanks to back-to-back 76s. Dunn's second-place finish is the highest finish by an Eagle this year.

Tara Allen continued her strong performances and finished in a tie for third overall with a two-day total of 154 (78+76=154).

Bethune Cookman Invitational Results

Top Women's Players

Jocelyn Dunn (Jr.)
Total Shots: 152
Placed: 2nd overall

Tara Allen (Jr.)
Total Shots: 154
Placed: 3rd overall

Autumn Gee tied for the top performance by an Eagle on day one and followed that up with a hard fought round two. Gee finished with a total of 156 (76+80=156).

After struggling on day one and ending Saturday's play with an 88, Anna Haller had a 10-stroke improvement and finished the tournament with a 166 (88+78=166).

Albane Flamant hit an 82 on Sunday, the same score she had the day before, and ended with a 164.

Competing individually was Deah Ruebel, who notched a 170 (83+87=170).

BCU won the tournament with

a two-day total of 612 while the Eagles took second place with a total of 622.

The Men's Golf Team also played in a tournament this weekend in Georgia.

VALDOSTA, Ga. - Tuesday brought the end of the Thomas Invitational at the Kinderlou Forest Golf Club and once the course had been completed, Matt Profitt was tops among Eagle golfer.

Profitt sat in second place among the Blue and Gold through round one. On Tuesday, the senior shot a 73, the lowest round of an Eagle in the tournament. Profitt ended with a two-day, team-leading total of 151 (78+73=151).

Juan Sarmiento shot a 154 (79+75=154) in the team's second tournament of the spring season. Sarmiento and Profitt were the two Eagles to shot sub-80 in both rounds.

Tom Miller held the top spot among his teammates through round one and ended up in third at the end. Miller shot an 83 in round two, which coupled with his day one 76 for a total of 159.

Don Sciotto's second-round score of 77 was a seven-stroke improvement from the first round, giving the senior a two-day total of 161 (84+77=161).

Hunter Jenkins improved on the second day as well, taking 88 strokes on Monday and 82 on Tuesday. Jenkins finished with a 170.

Three Eagles also competed individually at the tournament. Stephen Boyce shot a 160 (85+75=160), Brett Verner was one stroke behind him with a 161 (78+83=161) and Josh Seyler finished with a 168 (84+84=168).

ERAU finished the tournament with a team total of 624.

Individual and team finishes among the competition are currently unavailable, as the complete tournament results have yet to be released.

Eagles strike out Warriors

Press Release

ERAU Sports Info.

BABSON PARK, Fla. - The Embry-Riddle Eagles baseball team picked up their first three-game sweep of the season, taking both games in the doubleheader against the Webber International Warriors on Saturday.

After taking game one Friday 12-4, the Eagles won 4-3 and 2-1 in the twin bill. ERAU heads home with a 13-6 overall record, they are now 6-3 in conference play. Webber now sits with a 14-7 record and are 4-5 in the FSC.

In the first game on Saturday, the Eagles tallied four runs in the first three innings and held on despite a late attack from the Warriors to pick up the 4-3 win. Chris Maloney pitched a solid eight innings, charting his third win of the season. He had four strikeouts, while allowing eight hits.

Aaron Varnum completed the game for the Eagles, pitching to three batters in the ninth and finishing the game with a strikeout. It was his fifth save of the season.

Matt Steele, hitting in the lead-

off position as the designated hitter, went three for four in game one, scoring two runs. James Kissinger tallied two RBIs on a double to right center. Kyle Albright, Eric Ogden and Billy Hootman each tallied two hits in the game.

In game two of the doubleheader, Embry-Riddle scored two runs with two outs to go up by one in the top of the second inning. The rally was started by Albright leading off the inning with a walk. Two outs later Hootman drilled one down the left field line to pick up a hit and advance Albright to third. Tommy Cauley followed Hootman's lead by knocking a ground ball just over third base and down the line to drive in both runs.

The rest of the game was a pitching battle as offensive strikes were ended by pitching strikes to leave multiple ducks on the pond. John Keravich picked up the win, moving his record to 2-3. He completed five innings, marking seven strikeouts while facing only 24 batters. Spencer Seabourne tallied his first save of the year, making his fourth appearance. He faced six batters in two innings, with one strikeout.



MELANIE PUGH/AVION

BILLY HOOTMAN CONTRIBUTED TWO HITS TO THE FIRST GAME. His hits helped the Eagles bring in two of the four runs against Webber. The recent victory brings the Eagles to a record of 13-6 overall and 6-3 in Florida Sun Conference.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Baseball

Mar. 5 vs. St. Ambrose at Daytona Beach, Fla. 5 p.m.

Mar. 8 vs. Barry at Miami, Fla. 6 p.m.

Women's Golf

Mar. 3-4 SCAD Invitational at Savannah, Ga. (Wilmington Island CC) Time TBA

Track and Field

Mar. 6-8 2008 NAIA Indoor Track and Field Nationals at Johnson City Tenn. Time TBA

Men's Tennis

Mar. 4 vs. Bethel (Tenn.) at Daytona Beach, Fla. 3:30 p.m.

Mar. 6 vs. Concordia (N.Y.) at Daytona Beach, Fla. 3:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Mar. 4 vs. Bethel (Tenn.) at Daytona Beach, Fla. 3:30 p.m.

Mar. 5 vs. Brenau at Daytona Beach, Fla. 3:30 p.m.

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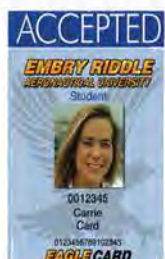
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U.S. is doing just fine Air show should return to ERAU

After reading Bob Wilson's Jan. 29 and Feb. 26 "opinion," I felt that it was time for me to speak on behalf of the real world and to educate Bob Wilson on his own words. Okay, I'm just a little tired of your mainstream cynical view of the U.S. Let's start with what's really going on; the United States is not the most hated country in the world, and that image has been exploited by the mainstream media. The reality is that the U.S. is the most admired and imitated country in the world. The whole European Union is imitating the U.S. by uniting themselves, changing their economic policies to reflect ours and they are slowly but surely liberalizing their social policies that best reflect ours. Furthermore, hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of people are illegally and legally dreaming and fantasizing and praying that they will someday come to America, the Land of Dreams. Even the communist Chinese can't stop loving us and we can't stop loving them. Even the former champion of the communist era, Russia, has acknowledged that America's democracy is working and it should be sought after. Ask President Putin why? There are so many countries that are trying to be like us and want us to be their partners, it is just amazing. Your view is narrow minded and it only reflects what the mainstream media projects and what a few handful countries project.

Second, the United States is in no need of a reform. We have had a two party system since we began, how's that working out for us? We ended up being the most powerful nation in the world. Do your research and find out which countries have more than two political parties and then you'll find out that countries like Iran, Pakistan, most of the African nations, and also Iraq have more than two political parties. How's that working for them? I would also like to point out that your first paragraph of that Jan. 29 edition was awfully misplaced and it didn't follow rest of your points. But that's a different topic; I'll get to correcting you later on.

Third, the two party system

is a huge success because one could easily identify themselves as either a Republican or a Democrat or sometimes neither. It's quite simple; I for one, I'm a Democrat. Even though I'm not a homosexual, I believe in same sex marriages because who I am to restrict two people's love or passion just because they are the same sex? So, therefore, I look inside myself and then I do the research and I find out which party best represents my beliefs. Well!! Bingo!! Its not that hard. I also noticed that you made a huge generalization by saying "I've seen speakers and other people pick sides on an issue just because that is what their party would say, and not what they truly believe or what is morally right to them; it's pathetic. It shows that the people who participate in this cannot stand up for what they believe." What do you really know about these people? Are you all of the sudden the moral compass of the world, and you deeply know people from the inside? Come on Bob, get over yourself and come back to Earth.

Furthermore, on your "intellectual" hypocritical on the way the government does business. You know, it's pretty easy but yet, hypocrite of you to sit there in a nice comfortable chair or bed, wearing comfortable clothes under a nice good air conditioning system and complain and talk low about our system. There are women in Iraq that are getting beheaded just because they are wearing the "wrong" color scarf. Why don't you talk about that? But, what if one day you and I run for office? I'm assuming you probably would want to run for office because that's how you would need to change things. But on what platform are you going run? Who is going to support you? Are you going to act religious, so the people with faith would vote for you, or are you going to act "liberal," so that Hollywood would vote for you, or are you going to tip toe so both can vote for you? What are you trying to change? Who would vote for you? These are the things young and old politicians have to go through every

day. Unless you have been in that situation, you really don't know anything. You don't know what it's like to work in the government. Some of us do know how the process works.

Also, this whole thing you have about the government and the way you mention the government makes it seem like you are treating it like it is not part of America. You are forgetting that one million people work in government. From city councils, to mayors, representatives, state officials, national officials, etc., all that amounts to one million people. These are not some kind of alienated individuals, these are people like you and I. Regular people that have an interest in politics and working in the government. These are the little guys and the big guys all together, trying to make this work.

~Jan Pierre Rodriguez

I can remember two years ago when Embry-Riddle held an air show right here on our campus. I remember the amazing aerobatic flight displays, the military aircraft and, most importantly, the school spirit. It was that school spirit centered around aviation that ultimately made me want to come to Embry-Riddle. Seeing students excited about airplanes and showing pride that this was all for them and their school was one of the greatest things I have ever seen here at Riddle.

So I have to ask why the world's premier aviation university currently does not have an air show? Why a school that encourages dreams to be followed cannot keep us motivated by bringing in an air show?

When I visited Embry-Riddle two years ago, I was told the University puts on an air show once every two years, and now as I finish my sophomore year, I have yet to see an air show. When you Google "Embry-Riddle Air Show," you get some confusing results. The magazine Airport Journals' Chuck Weirauch reported in 2005: "According to Joni Hunt, ERAU air show director, its first-ever Florida Skyfest, held October 29-30 at Daytona Beach International Airport, was enough of a success for her to start planning for the next event in October 2007." Now that 2007 has passed, I am wondering where that promised air show is at?

Yet I wonder what an air show

would do for school spirit, for community involvement and even our dreams if we had that air show. I could almost picture the enrollments rising with the prospective students, in the same position I was two years ago, seeing this air show and wanting nothing else but to come to Embry-Riddle (remember the movie "Field of Dreams;" if you build it they will come). But most importantly, we need an air show for our current students, who want nothing else but to be involved with aviation. Keep us motivated and give us the excitement of aviation being pushed to its limits. It is the least that can be done at an aviation university.

~Bryan Dietz



Student Forum

The Avion asks: "What show are you looking forward to now that the writers' strike has ended?"

-Compiled by Brandon Boekelman and Matt Goldberg



Curtis Ewbank
Senior

Aerospace Engineering

"There was a writers' strike?"



Ilene Appel
Sophomore

Aerospace Engineering

"CSI: the real one."



Josh Funk
Freshman

Air Traffic Management

"Blue Collar TV."



Anastasia Taylor
Senior

Aerospace Engineering

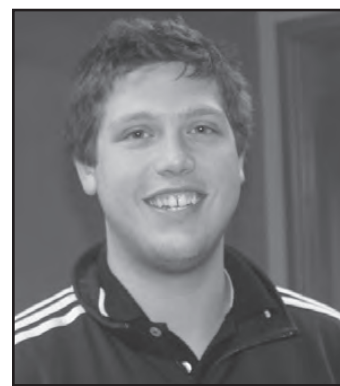
"House," because it is the only prime time show that I watch."



Roland Nunez
Junior

Meteorology

"The Weather Channel."



Andrew Paolinetti
Sophomore

Aerospace Engineering

"Better shows from Fox."

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A1: Charts, B2: Flashlights, C3: Passing a flight activity

Nathan Mulder
Student Representative

You wake up at 5 a.m. and after looking at the clock, you realize you're already running late for your flight activity. You rush out the door and get to the flight line as fast as you can. You check in right before you get no-showed and then you remember, your charts just expired yesterday. Since the bookstore is not open and you can't exactly go to a store to buy one, you think to yourself, "What am I going to do now?"

Luckily, your Student Government Association has helped solve this scary problem of yours. The SGA's Flight Line Satisfaction Committee and Frank Ayers Flight Chairman's

Advisory Board are very pleased to announce that after a lot of hard work we have recently installed a vending machine with different flight materials at the

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Your SGA has helped solve this scary problem.

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-NATHAN MULDER

flight line for students. The vending machine has everything from AFDs, charts, flashlights, batteries and even E6Bs! To purchase

items from the vending machine you can only use your eagle card, so make sure you have that handy.

We would like to thank Pablo Alvarez, Student Representative for College of Aviation, for his hard work and dedication to this program. Also, thank you to everyone who helped get the vending machine installed.

Erica Larsen, Student Representative for College of Aviation, recently said, "I'm so happy about getting the vending machine at the flight line. It will be very convenient for students to get the material they needed, in case they forget something or charts become expired." So make sure you check out the vending machine soon and take advantage of an awesome new service brought to you by the SGA.



RYAN GORMAN/AVION

THE FLIGHT LINE SATISFACTION committee and the Flight Chairman's Advisory board have installed a flight materials vending machine on the flight line. This machine contains various flight items that students previously could only get at the bookstore.

SRB brings in a crowd



RYAN GORMAN/AVION

THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE BOARD had a larger than expected crowd attend their meeting last Tuesday. The Greek community turned out to see what the SRB is doing.

Facilities listens to students

Bryan Dietz
Student Representative

The Facilities Department this year has been doing an exceptional job of listening to all student concerns, questions and comments through SGA Representatives and SGA Suggestion boxes located around campus.

Everyday, more than 4,500 people live, learn and work on the Daytona Beach campus putting a large burden on the maintenance of our campus. The Facilities Department lead by Director Daniel Young, uses a rotation of labor to maintain the landscaping around our 185-acre campus. This year however, their operation has been extremely effective by taking direct concerns from the students on where the problems lie on campus.

The Facilities Department handles concerns all across the board. They have handled issues such as campus beautification, keeping tuition rises low through energy efficient systems

and keeping our buildings clean. They are currently working on the mysterious odor that plagues female restrooms in the Flight Line and Student Center, as well as ordering directional signs to classrooms in the new College of Business that opened at the beginning of the spring semester. They maintain the many green

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The plans facilities have for this campus are growing at rapid a pace.

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-BRYAN DIETZ

spaces around campus so students are able to use them safely and comfortably.

The plans Facilities have for this campus are growing at a rapid pace. Facilities will begin working in the coming months on the day-to-day concerns such

as replacing the elusive "right door" that does not open in the Lehman Building. Mr. Daniel Young is currently looking at ways to make the Daytona Beach Campus as carbon neutral as possible through consideration of the President's Climate Commitment and the placement of solar panels on top of buildings to heat water and power the buildings. Facilities is pursuing plans for the students who bring motorcycles to school by creating separate motorcycle lots such as separate concrete pads with lock stations at them. Pads like this have already been installed in the new Concorde and Falcon lots with ideas circulating about placing an additional one in front of the Student Center.

All of these concerns have come directly from students. Students are recommended to fill out a suggestion card or contact their SGA Representative to alert facilities of concerns around campus. All comments will be forwarded to Young to continue to improve our campus.

EAC
Environmental Awareness Committee

First Fridays

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Army presents scholarship

Cynthia A. Rivers-Womack
Army Recruiting

The U.S. Army No. 1 NASCAR was the backdrop for the inaugural presentation of the Captain Herbert C. Crosby Scholarship at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Feb. 11, 2008. Appearance of the Army No. 1 car, driven by Mark Martin, was arranged by the Jacksonville Recruiting Battalion Daytona Beach recruiting station in support of the Daytona 500. Having the Army car on campus was essential to setting the event, according to Wayne Munson, executive director, Alumni Relations, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

The first recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship, Cadet Benjamin J. Boxler, is a native of Leesburg, Va., and a senior in the ROTC program. The 22-year-old Boxler will be commissioned in May in the Army's Engineer Branch. Boxler's essay was one of 74 narrowed down to four over a three-month period, according to Maj. Scott Jones, Executive Officer of the ERAU Army ROTC Eagle Battalion and one of the selecting officials. "All of the essays were excellent but Cadet Boxler's submission really stood out," said Jones.

Criterion for the scholarship was established by the family—a cadet in good standing who exhibits financial need and eligibility to achieve a commission. Additionally, the cadet had to have at least a 3.0 GPA. The scholarship was established by the family and friends of Captain Crosby was not an ERAU alumnus, the family chose ERAU because "Embry-Riddle is at the top of the list for flying," said Mary Lou Wade, Crosby's sister.

interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Herbert C. Crosby scholarship was established at ERAU because the family considered it a suitable institution to preserve their family's legacy of military service to the nation. Although Captain Crosby was not an ERAU alumnus, the family chose ERAU because "Embry-Riddle is at the top of the list for flying," said Mary Lou Wade, Crosby's sister.

Cadet Boxler said his inspiration in writing the winning essay came when he read a letter Captain Crosby had written to his parents. "It kinda looks like people are ashamed because they died in this war that nobody

wants. I don't see it like that though. We're fighting and they died for our country and the flag."

"His personal note really touched me. It seemed I had a connection with him. Here's a guy, my same age, having some of the same thoughts that I have today. The parallels were so similar," Boxler said.

Mary Lou Wade, accompanied by Wayne Munson, Executive Director, Alumni Relations, ERAU, and Lt. Col. Michael Schaefer, Professor of Military Science, ERAU Army ROTC, presented an enlarged \$1,000 scholarship check to Cadet Boxler during the ceremony.



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ΣΑΕ remembers Paddy Murphy

Will Gons

ΣΑΕ

Now some of you may be wondering who Paddy Murphy is and when did he die? And why is ΣΑΕ having a memorial service on the West Lawn at 2:00 Saturday, March 8? Well, here is the story behind the legend of Paddy Murphy.

In the early 1900s, prohibition was in full swing and any distribution, sale, or even consumption of alcohol was illegal. Of course this brought a lot of crime in the form of bootlegging. The bootleggers would sneak alcohol into underground bars so people could drink.

Paddy Murphy was one such bootlegger who worked closely with Al Capone. The police were always after the two and were coming very close to catching Paddy Murphy and Al Capone. During one of the larger shipments, the prohibition police raided the warehouse just as Paddy was finishing. One of the officers, Elliot Ness, signaled to Murphy to surrender but he did not give up that easily. Instead he ran, but before he could make it out of the door Elliot shot Murphy several

times.

As Murphy was lying on the ground slowly dying Murphy gave Elliot Ness the Secret ΣΑΕ handshake. Ness who was a brother as well realized what he had done; he had killed a brother of his fraternity. Because of this Ness ordered that Paddy Murphy have an honorary burial. This was in recognition of a fallen brother.

The tradition still continues today in the form of a Paddy Murphy Ceremony. The brothers of ΣΑΕ will be carrying a casket on the West Lawn and will have a ceremony to commemorate Paddy Murphy and other fallen brothers. This is a tradition that occurs every year across almost all of the ΣΑΕ Chapters. Here at Embry-Riddle this is the first time ever that this ceremony is being honored.

But the ceremony is not just for Paddy Murphy. The event builds brotherhood and friendship. It makes us realize exactly who we are and just how important every brother is in the fraternity. Friendship outside of the fraternity is also put in perspective by this unforgettable ceremony.

If you want to know more about the story of Paddy Murphy come to the memorial on Saturday.

MUN shines at Harvard

David Nierenberg
ERAU Model UN

Over the President's Day weekend, the Embry-Riddle Model United Nations club was in Boston, competing against more than 170 other schools from around the country and around the world. Nick Stapleton, Andy Lickhardt, David Nierenberg, Karima Fathi, Armon Tabrizi, Joe Tabor, Albane Flamant, Azdren Coma, Christina Chu, Kevin Castro and Philippe Fuller spent four days representing the nation of Greece in a number of the UN's most important committees, and Freddy Elorza represented Count Alexey Fyodorovich Orlov in a historical Russian cabinet.

The members took part in intense discussions on some of the world's most contentious issues, such as how to deal with secessionist regions, how to ensure maritime security, how to bring clean water to the millions around the world who don't have it, ensuring the free-

dom of elections, and the ever-present problem of refugees. Through extensive research of Greek foreign policy, both current and historical, the members were able to accurately represent the nation of Greece as they sought to bring about compromise among the nations of the world to reach a solution that would both solve the problem at hand and make sure that Greece's needs were met.

All of the members performed extremely well, with many among the top delegates in their respective committees, and Elorza winning the award of Outstanding Delegate in his. "I think it's a real tribute to ERAU students that the pilots and engineers here can walk into the most prestigious political science and international relations competitions in the world and not only compete, but win. Elorza, in particular, was in a room full of the best delegates in the world and came out on top. If you add the team's performance at Harvard with the Outstanding Delegate awards that Fathi, Flamant, and

Stapleton won at the regional competition in Atlanta last semester, I can't believe we've ever had a better year," said Model UN faculty advisor and SS professor Glenn Dorn.

The Model United Nations club received a great deal of help from several members of the Embry-Riddle community this year, and wishes to recognize and thank Dr. Barbie in the HU/SS department, Dr. Grams of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Diversity Office, the SGA, the Annual Fund, Dr. Doug Selvage, Dr. Jim Shoopman, and Dr. Mohamed Camara for their support and for making this year the great success that it was. The club will be closing out the year by holding a simulation of NATO, centered on the current situation in Kosovo, on April 5, 2008 on the Embry-Riddle campus. The event will be a great opportunity for students interested in international relations and foreign affairs to spend a day improving their knowledge of world issues and practicing their debate skills in a conference setting.

ΑΞΔ has exciting month

Kayla Renee Stairs

ΑΞΔ

It has been an exciting month for the Theta Omicron Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta. This month they welcomed seven New Members to their Alpha Zeta class! The sisters are extremely excited with the addition of these classy ladies to the Chapter. This week is going to be a thrilling one for the chapter, especially the New Members. It is their Big/Lil Week. Each of the New Members has a Big Sister that remains a secret to them all week long. Every day of the

week they will receive gifts and clues as to who their Big Sister is, and on Saturday they will find out who it is in a much anticipated revealing ceremony. The Chapter wants to congratulate all of the New Big Sisters, as well as their Littles. Have a great Big/Lil Week (I know who your big is)!

The Chapter has also been busy the past week with Greek Week: long, grueling pyramid practices, chariot building, as well as cardboard boat building. They hope their efforts pay off in the end. It has been a lot of work, but the girls have made the process fun,

and that's what it is all about.

Keep a look out next month for Alpha Xi Delta's Xi Man Competition. This entertaining competition is a hilarious male pageant/talent show where representatives from some of the fraternities on campus fight for the role of Alpha Xi Delta's Sweetheart. The sisters have been working hard, and so have the gentlemen, and they would like to invite everyone on campus on Mar. 12 to see the festivities. All proceeds from the night go towards Alpha Xi Delta's philanthropy, Choose Children. Keep an eye out for more information soon.

ΦΔΘ prospers at boat race

Gary Toth

Phi Delta Theta

Last week, during Greek Week, Phi Delta Theta was victorious in the Cardboard Boat Race. Though we did finish in second the pool race, we were still very pleased with our boat and its rowers. From the beginning, we knew we had to have a very strong vessel to stay afloat and provide a sturdy platform for Bill Westbrook and Allan Craddock. Constructed out of pure cardboard and duct tape, the Good Ship Phi was a pure masterpiece of Phi ingenuity at its best. Constructed by some of our alumni, brothers and Phikeia, the boat was well over 60 pounds and looked more like an indestructible barge. But with our two determined rowers, the Good Ship Phi made it across the pool in their boat in an impressive time of 19.75 seconds on Thursday evening. The boat never let our brothers down,

with Bill and Allan staying completely dry except for the splashes from some overzealous rowing. Overall, Greek Week succeeded in bringing all the fraternities and sororities together to enjoy some friendly competition between Greeks. We would like to thank

the Inter-Fraternity Council and Lauren Moran for organizing the events and the other Greeks for putting up a good fight. Coming up this weekend, March 8th, the brothers of Phi Delta Theta will be going camping. If interested, talk to a brother for more details.



CHRIS TEZAK/AVION

HSSA attends conference

Azeem Mistry

HSSA

The Homeland Security Student Association (HSSA) had the wonderful privilege of attending the South East Homeland Security Conference, held at the Peabody hotel and Conference Center in Orlando from Dec. 11 to Dec. 13 2007. This event was financially made possible by the generous donation made by our own President Dr. Johnson.

Approximately 25 students from the HSSA attended the three day conference which included professionals, both

from the government and the private sector, currently engaged in the industry. Presentations and speeches were made by various professionals and our own Embry-Riddle professors in the Homeland Security and related fields. The students were also encouraged to participate in lecture sessions and interactive table-top exercises.

Dr. Jim Ramsay and Dr. John Lanicci (ERAU) gave a very informative and elaborate presentation on Environmental Security and the United States National Security Planning Process. Dr. Robert Raffel (ERAU) also gave a very informative and unique presentation on Emerging Issues:

Terrorism. Other topics and sessions included Executive Protection, Unlearned lessons of 9/11, Suicide bomber – America's next threat, and Agro-Terrorism.

On the whole, the conference was a great opportunity for all students who attended the three-day event. The students also had an amazing opportunity to engage in networking activities and give resumes to potential employers. Lastly, we, as an organization, would like to express our sincere gratitude to President Johnson for his generous contribution and to Dr. Ramsay for providing us with this insightful experience.

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CFM International increases open-rotor focus with CFM56

Maciej Majewski
Staff Reporter

CFM International, the General Electric/Snecma joint venture well known for the CFM56 engines available on Boeing 737s and Airbus A320s, has added open-rotor fan technology research to complement its work on engines of the future.

This research is being carried out under a program called LEAP56 (Leading-Edge Aviation Propulsion). Open-rotor technology has been added to the two-year-old program due to the demands of airlines for fuel burn improvements.

By late this year or early next year, CFM is planning to operate a subscale rig. Ron Klapproth, LEAP56 program manager, says that it's a "substantial effort that will complement the company's work with the European Clean Sky research program."

In their open-rotor fan research, CFM has gathered all available data from the 1980s unducted fan program. The last six months have been spent running old data through new aerodynamic models, and Klapproth says that "we clearly see opportunities to improve performance."

By 2011, CFM officials believe that an engine design for Airbus A320 and Boeing 737 replacements must be selected. Through



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THE CFM56 ENGINE, MADE famous for work on the Boeing 737 and Airbus A320, has added open-rotor fan technology research under a program called LEAP56 for better fuel consumption requirements.

2010, the focus is to explore new technologies. However, Randy Tinseth, Boeing's head of marketing, said that open-rotor engines tend to be heavy. There are issues with vibration and maintenance, plus the engines are not easily accepted by customers. Boeing expects to come to a decision about the next-generation single-aisle aircraft around 2012.

LEAP56 was initially aimed

at traditional engine designs, featuring fewer fan blades – 18 instead of 22. Later this year, the CFM56-5C will be fitted with a composite fan case and blades. Ensuring that these shorter composite blades are FOD-resistant is a major element of the program.

CFM is also developing a new compressor utilizing eight stages rather than nine, boosting compression ratios. It will also keep

upgrading its Twin-Annular Pre-Swirl combustor (TAPS) technology, which is already in use on the GENx engine for the Boeing 787. TAPS should reduce output of nitrogen oxides, and extend on-wing time by 25 percent.

While LEAP56 is aimed primarily at future engines, it is possible that the technology could be used on current engines on 737s and A320s.

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FAA says ADS-B coming to Gulf, AOPA notes downside

Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) gear will be up and running in the Gulf of Mexico by the end of next year, Acting FAA Administrator Bobby Sturgell told the HAI Heli Expo crowd in Houston this week. The installation aims to improve safety for helicopters serving offshore oil platforms. Sturgell said the system, designed by ITT, will help controllers at Houston Center to separate traffic in the Gulf, which doesn't have radar coverage. "We're stretching the airspace," Sturgell said, "extending it to the altitudes and the areas that you [helicopter pilots] operate in." Sturgell added that ADS-B services will expand, and will prove useful to other segments of general aviation, such as air tour and emergency medical services. AOPA, however, is less enthused about the costs and benefits of the technology. An FAA proposal would require GA aircraft to equip with ADS-B equipment by 2020 if they want to fly in Class A, B, or C airspace, or above 10,000 feet msl. AOPA

says it's concerned that the mandated avionics are too expensive and there appear to be too few benefits for GA.

Runway red lights -- solution or stopgap?

It might seem like a sensible solution, especially at big airports with a complex array of taxiways and runways -- embed red lights into the runway pavement at the intersections. It's been tried at Dallas-Fort Worth and in San Diego, and reports are positive. But the technology is simply a "stopgap measure," according to FAA Acting Administrator Bobby Sturgell. "Runway status lights are one way to drive down incursions, but they're not the best way," he said this week, while visiting Los Angeles International Airport to announce that the lights will be installed there. At LAX, he says, the runways are simply too close together, and that layout needs to be addressed. A recent report by the Office of Inspector General for the Transportation Department found that the status-light systems are effective and should be deployed at airports across the country.

Cathay Pacific pilot fired for flyby

Matt Smith
Staff Reporter

A Cathay Pacific was recently fired for completing a flyby of Paine Field in Seattle, Wash. after taking delivery of a new Boeing 777-300ER.

Captain Ian Wilkinson had been with Cathay Pacific for

over 15 years and was the Chief Pilot for Cathay Pacific on the Boeing 777. The aircraft Captain Wilkinson was to pick up was in a special paint scheme titled "Asia's World City," referring to the airline's home town of Hong Kong. Onboard the aircraft were over 50 VIPs including the chairman of Cathay Pacific, Chris Pratt.


Captain Wilkinson's flyby was completed just after take off from Paine Field enroute to Hong Kong after Cathay Pacific's acceptance of the aircraft from Boeing. Captain Wilkinson took the Boeing 777-300ER to within 28 feet of the runway at a speed of 280 knots (322 mph) before continuing the flight to Hong Kong.

After landing in Hong Kong Captain Wilkinson was treated to champagne toast by the Chairman of Cathay Pacific and the rest of the VIPs that accompanied him on the flight. However, a video of the flyby was later found on YouTube by management at Cathay Pacific. According to Cathay Pacific spokeswoman Carolyn


Leung, Captain Wilkinson was suspended from flight duties and later fired for the stunt because he had failed to obtain permission from the airline to perform the flyby. Leung went on to explain that Cathay Pacific has a detailed process for the approval of a flyby, however the necessary steps were not taken this time. First

Officer Ray Middleton, who was unaware of the flyby ahead of time, was suspended from training duties for six months. It is thought that Captain Wilkinson will appeal the decision of his termination with the airline. He has been living in Hong Kong for 15 years and is currently making \$475,000 a year.

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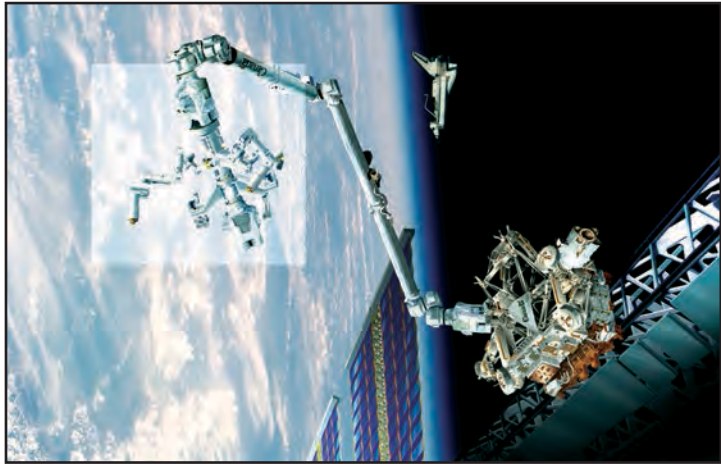


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THE ISS COMPONENTS BEING brought up by STS-123 are illustrated in these renderings. Outlined at top is the Canadian Dextre robotic "hand" and above, highlighted, is the Japanese Kibo logistics module, seated atop the main portion of Kibo.

Europe's ATV "Jules Verne" also to launch

□ "STS-123" from FRONT

Endeavour will undock from the ISS at about 8 p.m. EDT on March 24 and land just over 48 hours later at Kennedy. NASA has approved an extra day for operations if problems develop or there are delays in installing either of the station components.

Overall, the STS-123 mission will last a total of just over 15 days 18 hours, the longest ISS shuttle flight in history. This is possible because of a new system on the station which will allow power connections between the station's solar panels and the shuttle.

The longest shuttle flight was STS-80, which saw Columbia operate a number of scientific experiments and deploying and retrieving a German ultraviolet spectrograph satellite for just short of 17 days 16 hours.

Launch viewing information may be found in the box elsewhere on this page. While there are currently no problems with the shuttle and no delays in the schedule, an Air Force GPS satellite is currently scheduled

for launch on March 15; NASA requires 48 hours between launches, so if the shuttle fails to launch by the 12th or 13th, STS-123 would be delayed until about March 17.

Endeavour must also lift off by March 23 or face an approximately month long delay to allow for

the twice-annual Russian Soyuz Expedition launch April 8.

Increasing the time pressure of the mission, the European Space Agency's launch of Jules Verne, the new Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV), is set for this Saturday. Scheduling docking will not be a problem; Jules Verne will

hold 1,200 miles from the station during Endeavour's mission and is set to dock April 3. However, the shuttle and station share the same communications network as the ATV, which has the potential to strain the data transmission rate of the system. NASA officials did not expect it to be a problem.

Viewing the STS-123 launch

Titusville or KSC Visitors Complex the best choices for liftoff

The closest and best place to view the launch would be the NASA causeway (angling 6.5-7.5 miles away from pad 39A, it is the closest public viewing area), but tickets for it have long been sold out. Viewing is also offered from the KSC Visitors Complex (tickets were still available for there as of Sunday for \$38 each from <http://www.kennedyspacecenter.com>). The KSC VC itself is 7.4 miles away from Pad 39A but offers no view of the pad. After the causeway, however, this author's recommendation for a night launch is Titusville, as the expanse of water between you and the pad reflects the light dramatically.

Titusville is the next best and also most popular place to view the launch, and is the second closest spot after the causeway with a clear view of the pad. At 12 miles from Endeavour, the sound is usually moderate but clearly heard and felt. Anywhere in Titusville from Rt. 406/Max Brewer bridge on the north end of town, south along US 1 to where U.S. 50 intersects -- about a four mile stretch -- offers prime viewing clear across the water (Rt. 406 is also called Garden St.). The most popular spot is Space View Park/The Astronaut Walk of Fame, which is a block south of Garden St. on the water (and has a pier). Several other parks and piers line the river in Titusville, and many landowners also charge a cash fee to park on their land to watch. Arrive early to secure the best parking spot and viewing location. If you own one, tune your scanner to 146.9400 to hear the NASA TV broadcast and countdown. Space View Park should provide a live audio broadcast as well.

Directions

To get to Titusville from campus, take I-95 south to Exit 220 (Rt. 406/Garden St.), and go left off the exit. Rt. 406 will hit the river at the Max Brewer Bridge, and this is the furthest you can go before the road block on the other side of the bridge. One block before and paralleling the river, you can also head south on U.S. 1 to find more viewing areas. U.S. 1 rejoins the river about a mile south of 406; for that one-mile stretch, the street that runs along the water is known as Riverside Drive.

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Ulysses mission is coming to an end

Omoniyi Timothy
Guest Reporter

Ulysses, a satellite that has performed beyond all expectation, is gradually losing power and by NASA's account will be completely out of commission in a few months.

The spacecraft was a joint project of NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA) operated from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) by a joint NASA/ESA team and has employed NASA's Deep Space Network for communications.

The spacecraft, which was sent into orbit by the Shuttle Discovery in October 1990, was expected to spend five years surveying the sun's poles. Surpassing everyone's expectations, the satellite, named after a legendary Greek king,

has spent more than 17 years in operation. During this time, NASA's website records, "the reams of data Ulysses returned have forever changed the way scientists view our star and its effects."

On Jan. 14, Ulysses began flying over the sun's North Pole. It was coincidentally the onset of a new solar cycle. Arik Posner, NASA Ulysses program scientist, said in a press release that "This is a wonderful opportunity to examine the sun's North Pole at the onset of a new solar cycle. We've never done this before." Discoveries like this are not uncommon with the satellite.

The spacecraft uses a radioactive thermal generator to produce power for its systems, but the device loses its ability to generate power over time as the radioisotopes decay. Now, much of its equipment cannot

run simultaneously.

This made scientists shut down its X-band transmitter, a move that was supposed to release 60 watts of power to the heater and scientific instruments. The transmitter would have been turned on only when data was to be transmitted back to Earth, allowing the satellite to run for up to another two years.

To the dismay of scientists however the radio transmitter did not come back on; however, small quantities of data can be sent to Earth through its alternate S-band transmitter.

"The decision to switch the transmitter off was not taken lightly. It was the only way to continue the science mission," said Richard Marsden, ESA project scientist and mission manager. NASA/ESA engineers believe the problem is from the transmitters power supply, they believe the extra energy could not be routed to the places they wanted.

When parts of the spacecraft reach 36 F, the fuel lines will start freezing and blocking. This blockage would make it impossible to maneuver the satellite. The team expects to keep collecting data from Ulysses for the next few weeks.

Even with all the hard knocks this spacecraft, built by Dornier Systems of Germany for ESA, has taken; scientists still plan to "squeeze the very last drop[s] of science out of it" that they can. Marsden describes Ulysses as a "terrific old workhorse." He pointed out that "It has produced great science and lasted much longer than we ever thought it would."

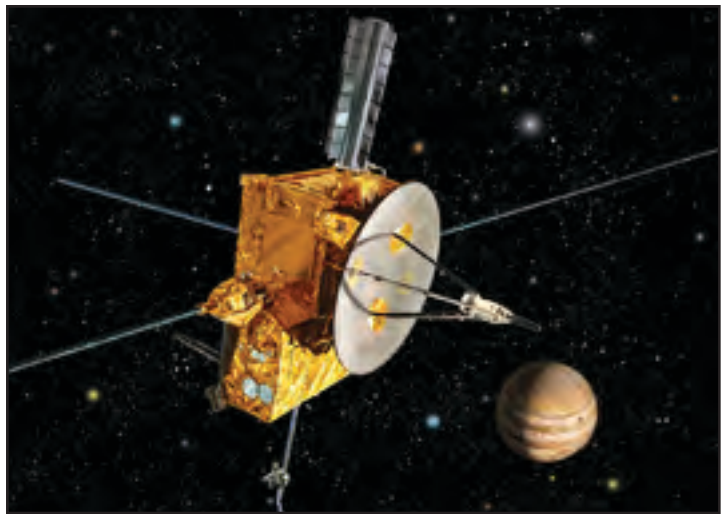


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THE ULYSSES SPACECRAFT IS seen in this rendering as it sails past Jupiter in its long six-year orbit around the sun. The flagship mission was launched by the Shuttle Discovery.

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DoD says take-out a success

Bob Scheid
Chief Copy Editor

The Department of Defense (DOD) said last week that it had successfully destroyed a disabled spy satellite in low Earth orbit, and debris has been falling out of the sky for several days.

The satellite was destroyed using a modified Standard Missile-3 launched from the USS Lake Erie operating near Hawaii. It carried no warhead; the rocket was traveling fast enough that the kinetic energy alone was enough to break the 2.5-ton spacecraft

into several thousand pieces.

The spacecraft was sent aloft with a tank full of hydrazine rocket fuel, but because the satellite lost power soon after launch the fuel was never used. When the satellite's orbit began to decay, the military became worried that the carcinogenic fuel might survive reentry and rain down on inhabited parts of the planet. The missile was targeted on the fuel tank itself.

Marine Gen. James Cartwright, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that "From the debris analysis, we have a high degree of confidence the satel-

lite's fuel tank was destroyed and the hydrazine has been dissipated." Though most pieces should have burned up in the atmosphere within the first few days, the DOD is still tracking many, all smaller than footballs.

The ISS was not affected, but another spy satellite launch from Vandenberg AFB, Calif., slipped by two weeks to avoid debris.

A special notice to airmen was released Feb. 20, warning that a "potential hazard may occur due to reentry of satellite USA-193 debris into the earth's atmosphere." The warning is in effect until March 9.

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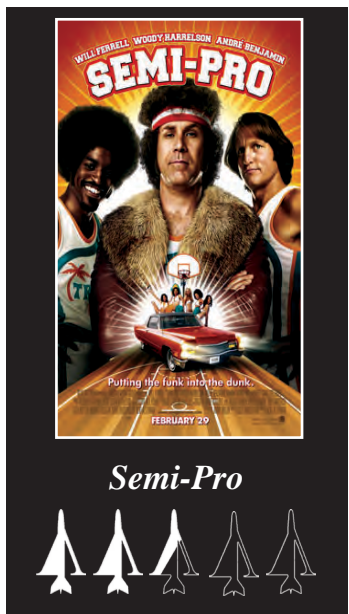
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Ferrell's flop: 'Semi-Pro' drops the ball



Semi-Pro
William Sohl
Entertainment Editor

Once again Will Ferrell is back in theaters with another sports-inspired comedy ready to top the sales charts. Unfortunately for fans though, "Semi-Pro" just doesn't stack up against the rest of his comedies. Though it's good for a few laughs, the writers decided to include a serious side to it that just doesn't mix

well with Ferrell's unique style. The movie follows the Flint, Michigan Tropics, an ABA team, as they attempt to get fourth place to ensure their team merges with the NBA. Key players include the owner/player/coach Jackie Moon, played by Ferrell, former Celtics bench rider and new player/coach Ed Monix, played by Woody Harrelson, and lead scorer Clarence "Coffee Black", played by Outkast singer André Benjamin.

The majority of the movie cuts between Jackie's attempts to keep the team afloat and Monix's pursuit of his ex-girlfriend while trying to rediscover basketball. It is this little split story that really leaves the movie feeling flat. Half of the cast plays the standard over-the-top characters we are used to in Ferrell movies, but the other half seem almost serious.

Jackie Moon is essentially a more rounded jock version of Ron Burgundy from "Anchorman," but that's what I wanted going in. He was wacky, emotional and impulsive, which resulted in some truly hilarious scenes. After a while, though, the jokes felt repetitive. They all pretty much revolved around Jackie's next promotion idea or lack of skill at basketball.



Overall though, it was a good roll for Ferrell.

Harrelson's character Monix has a few humorous things happen in his story, but his reactions and development are far closer to that of a sports movie rather than a comedy. In addition to winning back his girlfriend, he has to overcome his shame at

being a bench warmer for the Celtics when they were NBA champions. To be fair, the whole redemption plot is severely watered down. The story isn't exactly a sports drama but it sticks a little too close to fit with the rest of the movie.

André Benjamin is under utilized. In "Be Cool," he was

absolutely hilarious and I was excited to see him bring the same flair to this. In the end though, he turned into a support character. He really never had a single joke.

Along with this, minor appearances by Tim Meadows, Rob Corddry, David Koechner and many others set up an all-star

comedy cast that goes horribly to waste. It should have been easy to get a few classic moments

"It should have been easy to get a few classic moments with this lineup"
-William Sohl

with this lineup, but it just never really panned out.

The plot gets strained at parts as well. Problems that seem essential to the story are miraculously solved with little to no attention from the characters. Pretty much all they do is play basketball or do a wacky stunt to fix things. This might work in a normal Ferrell movie, but the plot is just too serious at times for it to feel anything other than awkward.

Forgive the pun but this movie really does drop the ball. I can't recommend seeing "Semi-Pro" in theaters. It's just barely good enough to rent on DVD. You can expect a few chuckles, but in the end it's a pretty bland movie.

Ferrell's future: 'Step Brothers'

Peter Richardson
Entertainment Editor

"Step Brothers" will have Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly teaming up again for another Ferrell-esque comedy. This time Will Ferrell's usual character type and Reilly's usual character type somehow end up being step brothers. Hilarity is supposed to ensue while the new brothers try to become friends and eventually solve their unemployment issues together. The director of "Talladega Nights" will again helm this duo film and hopefully can recapture some comedy magic.

A trailer for "Step Brothers" is currently playing with Ferrell's latest, "Semi-Pro." I attended a showing and the trailer's reception from the audience seemed to be reserved excitement with a little bit of nervousness about the film's premise.

While this film could be promising, it seems to me that there might be a growing lack of interest in Will Ferrell style comedies. Hopefully "Step Brothers" will bring something different to the table and capture some chuckles from audiences.

"Step Brothers" hits theaters on July 25, 2008.



Comics Hit Student Center



COMEDIAN JAY BLACK APPEREARED along side Louis Ramey at the ERAU Student Center last Wednesday to help celebrate Greek Week.

Preview of shows coming to Florida



John W Smith III
News Editor

Don't hail your sirens yet, there is no reason to scream Mayday because of the recent drought of concerts in central Florida. The month of March is bringing big names, small names, cheap shows and incredible talent all for your viewing pleasure. First to hit the Central

Florida venues are headliners Emery. Accompanying that heart stopping hardcore band is As Cities Burn, Pierce the Veil, Cry of the Afflicted and Mayday Parade. The tour is hitting five cities in Florida, with two shows back to back in the downtown Orlando venue The Social on March 12 and 13.

Keep your eyes on Mayday Parade during this tour as they are continuing their assault

on listeners of pop alternative goodness. After making it big on the Warped Tour and nearly handing out 20,000 copies of their EP, they've found themselves as close to the top of the alternative pop world that they could possibly achieve. With their catchy sound similar o bands such as All American Rejects, Fall Out Boy, Taking Back Sunday and Panic! At the Disco, Mayday Parade will be a break out band in 2008.

Savory channel side thai



Chris Tezak
Editor in Chief

If you are in need of a new favorite place to eat in Daytona, Siam Spice is your new hot spot, offering great Thai flavor for reasonable prices.

Located on the corner of Beach St. and Bay St., one block north of International Speedway Boulevard, Siam Spice occupies what was once Martinis. The restaurant has been updated and the space opened up with more tables for seating and a placid atmosphere. Martinis' waterfall stayed and adds to the overall soothing feel of the eatery. As an added bonus, you can show off how cultured you are in this ideal date setting.

Siam's menu gives a wide range of choices, even for picky eaters. Entrees all of the traditional favorites, including Pad Thai, a concoction of rice noodles and stir-fried vegetables tossed in a tangy sauce, served up wonderfully with chicken. The menu also includes an excellent array of curries, East Asian favorites, seafood dishes such as Pad Talay (shrimp, squid, and scallops with veggies and Thai chili jam) and multiple variations of duck.

Possible appetizers include spring rolls served with a brilliant plum sauce, chicken satay served with a small searing grill and a cool spicy peanut sauce, and various other dumpling and wonton dishes. Siam also offers classic savory soups such as Tom Kha Gai (chicken and coconut milk) and Tom Yum Goong (lemon grass soup), as well as a full bar.

Having frequented Siam Spice, I have had the fortune to sample much of what the restaurant's extensive menu has to

offer. The red and yellow curries are perfectly spiced, with just the right amount of heat to take full advantage of the dish's flavor. The jasmine rice served along with most of the dishes is also perfectly cooked. Without being overpowering, the Pad Ped (stir-fried red curry with bamboo shoots, onions, and bell pepper) is a great choice for those looking for a spicier dish.

However, if you do desire some extra heat, each table is provided with a chili tray for last minute tweaks. The chicken satay and spring rolls provide great openers to the meal, as they are well portioned and great for sharing.

Siam Spice, offers up great food and adds a little culture to historically uncultured city. Along with the sushi and fusion restaurant Ronin on International Speedway and Beach, that area of the city is becoming an Asian culinary center in the Daytona Beach area.

Game of the Week: 'The Last Stand'



The latest game I have been mindlessly playing is "The Last Stand." This is another fine example of the world's population turning into blood sucking zombies and a group of lone survivors holding out in a sloppily made fort. The game starts off with your character, a nameless survivor, alone with a small pistol to ward off zombies. However, the pistol is about as useful and as accurate as a Nerf

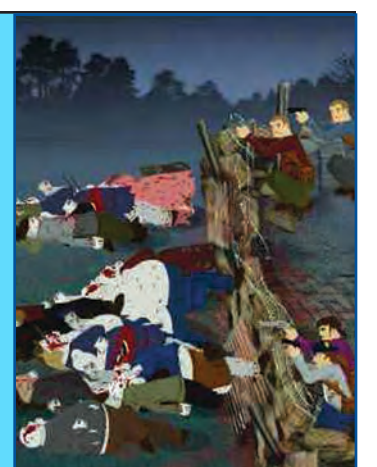
gun. Most of the rounds aimed for the head go into the torso or completely miss. After the first level, I recommend spending most of your time looking for survivors so the enemies can drop faster. Then look for a more suitable weapon.

After each night of senselessly killing zombies, you are given 12 hours to use as you please. Some activities include repairing the wall, looking for

survivors and looking for weapons. How each player uses the time is personal preference. My strategy is to look for survivors to bolster the defense of the wall and then look for random weapons to fill stupid zombies with lead. Weapons in the game include a .357 revolver, shotguns, a hunting rifle and the infamous M4 and AK-47 assault rifles. Each gun has its own strengths and weak-

nesses. Regardless of how much the concept has been used, "The Last Stand" is a quality flash game. Some players might think the game is too short at 20 levels, but I believe if it went any longer it would become incredibly difficult and monotonous.

This game can be found on www.kongregate.com.
-Andrew Zabak



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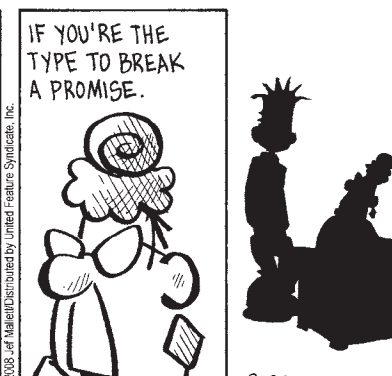
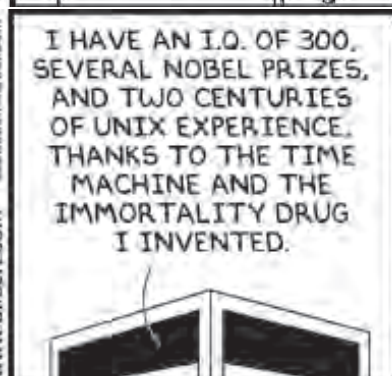
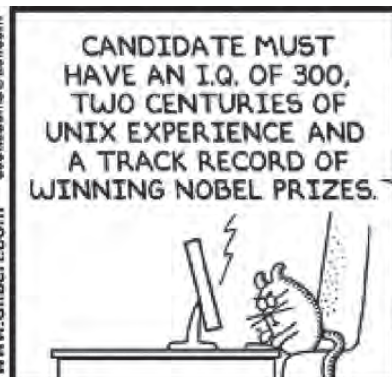
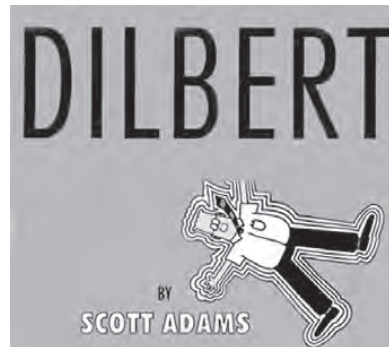
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- 6. A kids favorite blue box food
- 8. Popular flower in making Hawaiian leis
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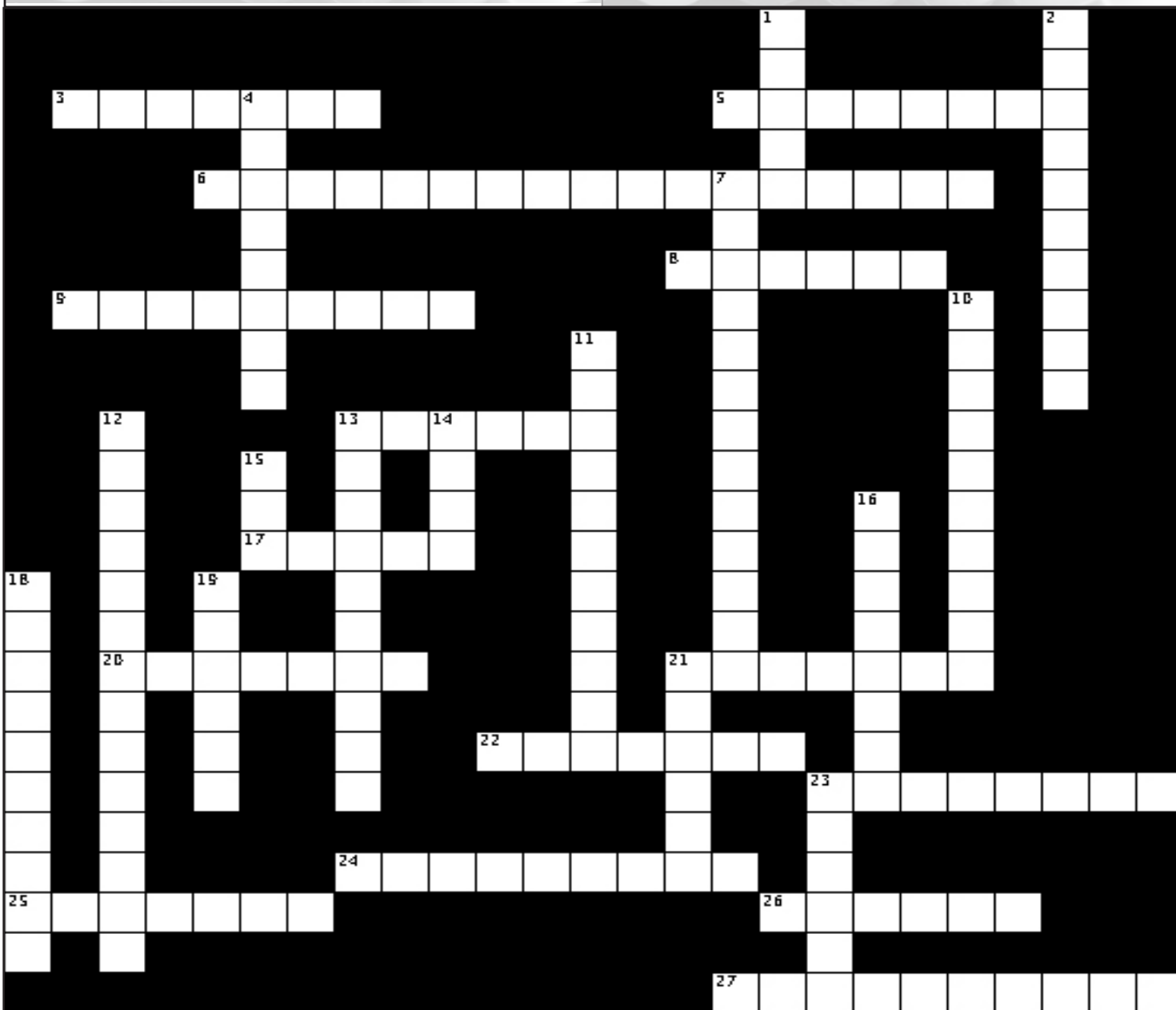
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- 27. Proposed color to possibly replace orange on the Department of Homeland Security's advisory system

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- 1. Georgia is on my mind
- 2. Color of the Stomach cancer awareness ribbon
- 4. Resembles the ocean floor

- 10. Special edition is West Virginia Coal Miner
- 11. An iron oxide pigment
- 12. Replaced red orange
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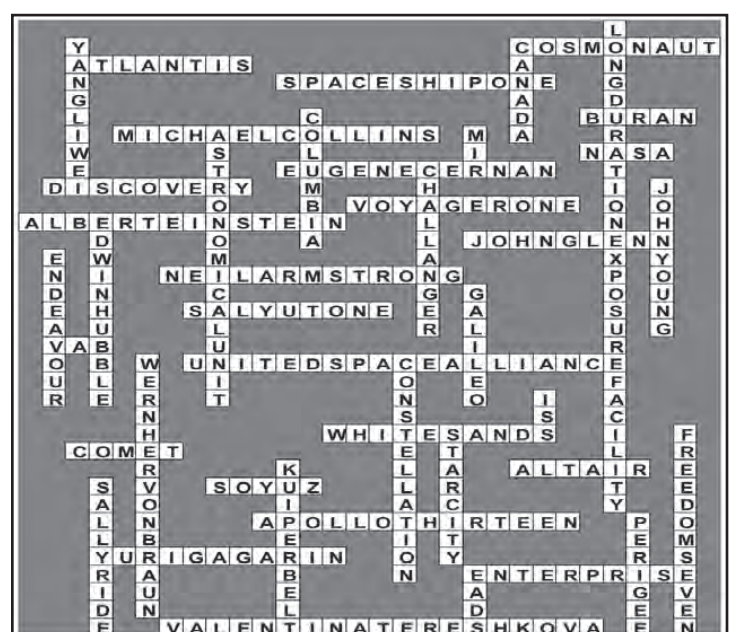


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